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## THE LORD AT HAND.

Gather you, gather you, angels of God,  
Freedom and mercy and truth;  
Come, for the earth has grown coward and old,  
Come down and renew us her youth;  
Wisdom, self-sacrifice, daring and love,  
Haste to the battlefield, stoop from above  
To the day of the Lord at hand.

Gather you, gather you, hounds of hell,  
Famine and plague and war,  
Alcohol, bigotry, want, and misrule,  
Gather and fall in the snare,  
Hirelings, mammonites, pedants and knaves,  
Crawl to the battlefield, sneak to your graves,  
In the day of the Lord at hand.

Who would sit and sigh for a lost age of gold  
While the Lord of all ages is here?  
True hearts will leap up at the trumpet of God,  
And those who suffer can dare.  
Each old age of gold was an iron age, too,  
And the meekest may find stern work to do,  
In the day of the Lord at hand."

## LETTERS TO SECRETARY.

From Hon. F. E. White, M. C.

WEBSTER, IOWA, April 6, 1891.

Editor and Sec'y, AMERICAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND  
ARBITRATION :

I have received your circular and I want to say to you that I have received no communication since my election that has given me so great a pleasure to reply to. I am in thorough accord with the principles you advocate and seek to have incorporated into national and international legislation and treaties. It is emphatically true that our position among the nations is such as to eminently fit us to lead in the grand movement to substitute peaceable arbitration for bloody war. To inaugurate such a truly glorious reformation would eclipse every other reformation in the history of our race. It would be the beginning of an entirely new era, bringing with it such a vast number of inevitable blessings that progress and prosperity, which are now so often interrupted by war, would be continuous and universal. "Peace on earth and good will to men" is a condition of human society that probably never has existed, but that this condition is capable of realization I firmly believe. Wishing you the greatest success in your commendable work.

I remain yours truly,  
F. E. WHITE, M. C.,  
6th Dist., Iowa.

In a more private letter Mr. White bears this personal testimony :

"I know something of the wretchedness of actual warfare. I served nearly four years during the late war, carrying a musket the whole time. With the exception of ten days in hospital with sore eyes, I was at no time off duty. I never missed a skirmish or a battle. If it was not for a sort of false pride I believe almost every man who has seen actual service would condemn war as unqualifiedly as I do."

From Alfred H. Love.

PHILADELPHIA, 4 Mo. 11, 1891.

RESPECTED FRIEND :

Yours of 4th veiled in sorrow came just as I was thinking of the joy of the anniversary for dear Mr. Tobey. Well, it is the Golden Wedding on the higher throne. I shall miss him indeed and shall ever revere him as both great and good.

Monday, April 5, the Universal Peace Union adopted the following resolutions :

"Resolved, In the death of Hon. Edward S. Tobey of Boston, President of the American Peace Society and for many years a Vice-President of the Universal Peace Union, this day communicated to us, we have lost the support of one of the leading minds of our times in behalf of peace and one whose knowledge of public men and of the needs of public welfare, was thorough and profound and qualified him, in an eminent degree, for his efforts to establish an International Court of Arbitration.

"Resolved, That we direct our Secretary to forward these resolutions to his family, and to add a fitting memorial attesting our sympathy and veneration."

NEW YORK, March 24, 1891.

MR. ROWLAND B. HOWARD :

~~Dear Sir—~~ I am glad that you have read the article on the World's Peace Congress in the *Church Union*. I wish that you could have read every one of its editorials. There has not been an issue of the *Church Union* in over two years, with the exception of one, which has not contained one or more articles upon this subject of Peace. I have never known but little of your Society, although I believe it to be one of the best, and most substantial in the United States, respecting this cause. I shall be glad to aid the object by every means in my power, by co-operation with whichever society is doing the best, and bids fair to do the best work to gain success for the cause.

I will place your publication on my exchange list.

I should very much like to confer with you respecting the Society of which you are Secretary, the officers, and the rank and file of its members generally; what you have done, and what you are trying to accomplish! I do so long for a World's Arbitration Society, or a World's Supreme Court to be formed, and a wise demonstration and representatives to make a decided impression upon the whole world, at our World's Fair in Chicago.

Faithfully yours,

E. B. GRANNIS,  
Editor and proprietor of the "*Church Union*."

From Hon. T. A. Stockdale, M. C., of Mississippi.

SUMMIT, MISS., April 12, 1891.

ROWLAND B. HOWARD, Sec'y :

Dear Sir—I have your printed circular advocating "a conference of national governments" with the view of formulating the plans for an international code and other things by which armaments will be rendered unnecessary.

I can only express my hearty approval of the proposition. European nations are all staggering under debts created for the support of armies and navies to protect themselves against their lawless neighbors as each regards all the others. There is no difference between